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Dear Dick:

I have been remiss in not answering your 15 November note long before now. On the documents question, things are still somewhat murky. We have been plugging away quietly here on our own and without benefit of any clergy. At the moment, out of our total list of approximately two dozen candidates, six have been printed up in sample format form and another eight are at the printers or almost ready to go.

I certainly have no desire to keep you from seeing any of these documents and would like to be as helpful to your endeavors as circumstances permit. On the other hand, I am quite anxious to prevent knowledge of this series existence from percolating too far abroad in the press and academic community. I do not want stories in circulation about the "Agency documents" nor do I want a rash of requests sent either to us directly or, worse, to other government agencies or departments seeking items in this series or the series in its extant totality.

As you recognize, the documents themselves are not classified (in most instances) but the existence of this particular set of them is a fact I would like to protect until we can get some appropriate sponsor to put them broadside into the public domain. If you think you could profitably use them but keep them squirreled away where others of similar interests do not spot them and be tempted to ask what they are or how other copies might be obtained, I would be glad to let you have any of the ones you particularly want. May I suggest you call me on

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this matter or, even better, drop by for a chat about it when you are in town.

I hope the academic life goes well and you are enjoying your change of pace and environment. Please keep in touch.

Regards.

As always,

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Dear George:

Before I left Washington we had a brief conversation regarding some documents which you had been working on and were preparing for distribution to potential scholars. As I recall, they were of considerable significance but needed further work.

You indicated that a number of them might be in shape fairly soon, and I asked if they could be sent to me.

I would like to follow up that conversation and ask if you could send me as many of the documents as you have available and in usable shape. I am trying to do a review of the whole period and they would be a great help.

I hope we can also stay in touch generally, either when you come up here or when I next get to Washington.

Sincerely,

